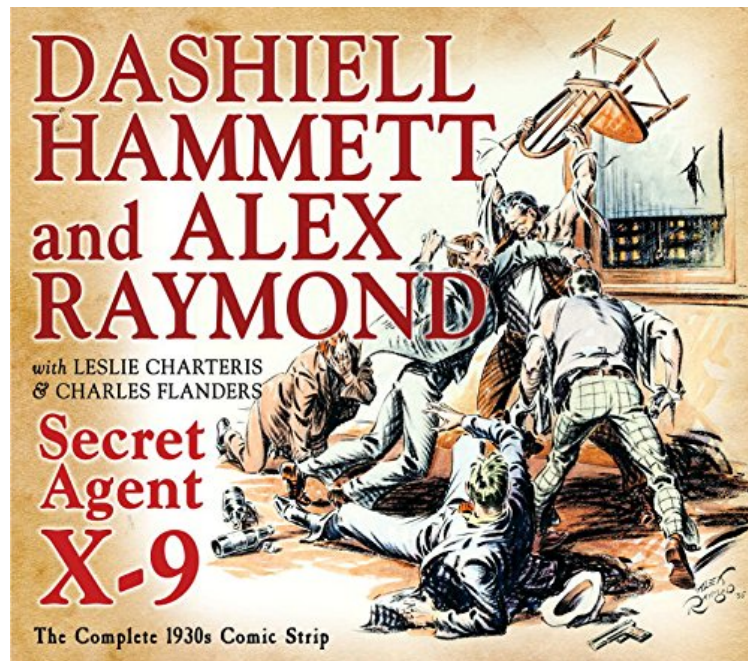


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**Dashiell Hammett : Secret Agent X-9 (Library of American Comics)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Secret Agent X-9 (Library of American Comics):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "What might have been" By CustomerWow, the complete strip. The top crime writer of his era and a hall of fame cartoonist. A great combination. Too bad after setting up X-9 to compete with the brilliant Dick Tracy, Alex Raymond became much too busy to devote the proper time to it. King Features had enough hungry artists to draw the strip, but following in Raymond's footsteps always was a daunting challenge. The artwork fell off considerably once Raymond left the strip for good. I don't know when Hammett left, but the strip was reduced to a pedestrian strip after that. X-9 became an agent with a name and the strip ran for decades! Too bad! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Amazing By Marian B If you're a Hammett fan you need to own this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful collection of Hammett's entire Secret Agent X-9 run By Dammijanet Beautiful collection of Hammett's entire Secret Agent X-9 run. The vintage comics themselves are Hammett slumming for a paycheck, but this book is wonderful and ought to be on the shelf of every Hammett fan.

When Secret Agent X-9 premiered in January 1934, King Features could proudly boast that its new adventure strip was written by the world's most famous mystery writer — Dashiell Hammett, the man who virtually invented the hard-boiled detective in such novels as *The Maltese Falcon*, *The Thin Man*, and *Red Harvest*. The artist chosen was less well-known — at this point, Alex Raymond was merely an uncredited assistant on Tim Tyler's *Luck* and the humor strip *Blondie* — but 1934 was the turning point in Raymond's career. From that cold January forward, Alex Raymond would become as famous as Hammett, thanks to his Sunday comics double-header, *Flash Gordon* and *Jungle Jim*. The Secret Agent X-9 strip was a dailies-only serial. This volume collects the complete Hammett/Raymond strips, plus the

subsequent stories by Raymond and Leslie Charteris, famous himself for "The Saint" novels, as well as the Charteris stories drawn by Charles Flanders. Included are strips from January 22, 1934 through October 31, 1936.

About the Author Dashiell Hammett was an American author of hard-boiled detective novels and short stories, screenwriter, and political activist. Among the enduring characters he created are Sam Spade, Nick and Nora Charles, and the Continental Op as well as the novels *The Maltese Falcon* and *The Thin Man*. Alex Raymond (1909-1956) is regarded, with Milton Caniff and Hal Foster, as one of the three giants of newspaper adventure strip artists. Raymond apprenticed with Chic Young on *Blondie* and Lyman Young on *Tim Tyler's Luck*. The year 1934 was a major turning point in his career: he illustrated *Secret Agent X-9*, a new detective comic strip written by Dashiell Hammett, and then created *Flash Gordon* and *Jungle Jim*. He left *X-9* after a couple of years and continued drawing *Flash* and *Jim*, with a writing assist from Don Moore, until 1944, when he enlisted in the Marines. In 1946 Raymond created the ultimate post-War cool detective series, *Rip Kirby*, which is also available from the Library of American Comics.